Virginia Oral Health Coalition

Dental and Medical Integration
Eastern Shore Rural Health System
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Community Health Centers
Celebrating 39 Years of Service
Is it about cleaning and pulling teeth or Changing our Culture?
“You are not healthy without good oral health.”
former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop

Associated with:

Failure to Thrive
Diabetes
Premature Birth
Heart Disease
Osteoporosis
Stroke
Alzheimer’s
Death
Baby’s “first” dental visit?
Children visit the medical practice many times during the first year of life
Why 9 months old Well Child Check?

- Babies have teeth
- No vaccinations during this well check visit
- More time available with families for dental
Really too late...

“My child’s teeth are melting” – mother of an 8 month old child with dental disease
6-36 Month Olds with a Dental Visit
Goal >50%

Approximately 1500 ESRHS Medical Users < 36 months
Community Dental Health Coordinator

- Reduce oral health disparities
- Improve access to dental care
- Health Promotion Community Engagement
- VISION
- Patient Navigation
- Prevention of Dental and other Oral Diseases
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